

MINUTES
Wyoming City Council
February 16, 2021

The Wyoming City Council met in regular session on February 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Mayor Hoffmeister called the meeting to order. In attendance were:

Council Members:

Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Mayor
Nancy Averett
Al Delgado
Zach Green
Jim O'Reilly
Sarah Stankorb Taylor

Others:

Rusty Herzog, Acting City Manager
Emily Supinger, City Solicitor

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda carried with all voting yes:

- January 19, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes
- January 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Authorizing a Then and Now Certificate

SPECIAL REPORTS/MINUTES:

Mr. O'Reilly reported that First Suburbs continues to work on the reapportionment issue which will affect suburbs around Cincinnati. First Suburbs is developing its position which they will then share with the municipalities and townships. There has been a great deal of interest from OKI regarding the infrastructure funding that will come out of the pending legislation. This could provide communities an opportunity for additional state funding which comes through the Ohio Department of Transportation and OKI is optimistic that the infrastructure bill will pass.

VERBAL REPORT FROM THE ACTING CITY MANAGER:

- The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The CAFR is available for viewing on the City's website.
- Mulch Madness begins on March 1 at 8:00 a.m. Residents may place an order for half load or whole load of mulch with free delivery by the Public Works Department. Orders will be taken by calling the city building at 821-7600 or by email to customerservice@wyomingohio.gov or you may use an on-line order form from the

city's website under the Service Requests tab. The on-line form will not show up on the website or be activated until March 1.

- Wyoming's Environmental Stewardship Commission has completed the Storm Water Survey and it is currently being shared on all of the City's media outlets. The survey is intended to identify properties that have experienced long-standing or new issues with storm run-off and water backups. If residents have not experienced any flooding, there is no need to take the survey. Otherwise, you can find the link to the survey on the home page of the City's website. Also, in your spare time, watch this video on YouTube to find out more about storm water and its impact on the community and how everyone can help: <https://youtu.be/2T2lpQJlu8U>
- The 2020 Annual Report is now available on the City's website for viewing under the Forms & Documents tab in the "General Documents" folder.
- Many residents have expressed appreciation for the Public Works' handling of the snow and ice removal this week.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

No comments were received.

BUSINESS:

A. Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of March 2021 as Women's History Month:
Mayor Hoffmeister read the Proclamation.

B. Appointment of the Charter Review Commission: Mayor Hoffmeister stated that the recommended appointments to the Charter Review Commission are Al Delgado (Chair), Jim O'Reilly, Sarah Stankorb Taylor, Zach Green, Jennifer Eismeier, Jon B. Boss, Mary Killen, Deborah Allsop, Rusty Herzog, and Emily Supinger. Mr. Delgado moved to approve the slate of appointments to the Commission. Ms. Averett asked what the point of the Commission is. Ms. Supinger explained that the City Charter requires a Charter Review Commission be appointed every five years to review and provide recommendations for possible amendments. The Commission is required to report back to City Council by June 1, 2021 for placement on the November election ballot. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion. With no further questions, the motion to Appoint the Charter Review Commission carried with all voting yes.

NEW BUSINESS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA:

No items were received.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Green expressed appreciation to the Public Works Department on the amazing job they did on the snow removal. One does not need a "Welcome to Wyoming" sign to know you have reached the City, one only has to look at the line where the snowy covered

streets turn perfectly manicured. He knows the crews have been working long hours and asked that his appreciation be passed on to the crews.

Mr. O'Reilly reported that he hopes, within the next 30 days or so, to receive a report relating to the Lockland-Water situation so that Council will have a chance to discuss it at a future meeting. Mr. O'Reilly reiterated his position that he is not opposed to the proposal he only wishes to have an opportunity to review the economics and details of the potential Lockland-Water distribution proposal.

Ms. Stankorb Taylor commended the WCIA for hosting the Unconscious Bias art show this past weekend. Several Wyoming businesses participated in helping to display the art. It was nice to see people out enjoying the businesses and Village Green. While she was at the Wyoming Fine Arts Center she learned of a new program starting soon called Loving Wyoming. The Fine Arts Center received a grant from ArtsWave that will provide for several art classes and other initiatives that will be free to the public to participate. One of the objectives with the program is to collaborate with LGBTQIA artists and creatives to provide a platform to show their work. Lastly, she reported that as of last Friday, the school district teachers and staff received the COVID-19 vaccination.

Ms. Averett reported that she volunteered at the Unconscious Bias art show and it was a lovely event. She is amazed at how the group is bringing interesting culture to the city. The art will be on display at A.R.T. for about the next month or so. Although the weather was very cold, all of the tickets to the event were sold. The event made her feel that Wyoming is a progressive community for having an exhibit like this in the business district and she commended them for their work.

Mr. Delgado commended Jeremiah Caudill and his department and the administration for the financial reporting award it received. He recalled that this may be the sixth, seventh, or eighth time that Mr. Caudill has received the award and it is quite a compliment that his team and staff have earned that achievement year after year. Mr. Caudill stated that we have received the award for a number of years. Each year during the audit process there is typically an award we receive for our audit which comes from the state auditor's office.

Mayor Hoffmeister asked everyone to be safe and to look out for their neighbors.

EXCUSAL OF ABSENT MEMBERS:

Mr. Delgado moved to excuse Mr. LeRoy. Ms. Stankorb Taylor seconded the motion. There being no discussion or comments, by roll call vote, the motion to excuse Mr. LeRoy carried with all voting yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Green moved to adjourn to Executive Session Under Section 121.03(b) (1) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wyoming to Consider Appointments to the Environmental Stewardship Commission. Ms. Stankorb Taylor seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion to adjourn to Executive Session carried with all voting yes. The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. Council left Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to appoint Christopher Pagan and Lauren Albarella to the Environmental Stewardship Commission. Ms. Stankorb Taylor seconded the motion. All voted yes, the motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Delgado moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Averett seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion to adjourn the meeting carried with all voting yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Martin, Executive Assistant

Karen Zeilman, Clerk of Council

Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Mayor